

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON
AT SEATTLE

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,) CASE NO. CR08-177-RSL
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Plaintiff,)
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v.)
) DETENTION ORDER
DEVRON D. QUAST,)
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Defendant.)
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Offense charged: Conspiracy to Distribute Cocaine and Marijuana

Date of Detention Hearing: June 11, 2008

The Court, having conducted a detention hearing pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 3142(f), and based upon the factual findings and statement of reasons for detention hereafter set forth, finds that no condition or combination of conditions which defendant can meet will reasonably assure the appearance of defendant as required and the safety of other persons and the community.

FINDINGS OF FACT AND STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR DETENTION

1. Defendant has been charged with a drug offense the maximum penalty of which is in excess of ten years. There is therefore a rebuttable presumption against defendant as to both

01 dangerousness and flight risk, under 18 U.S.C. §3142(e).

02 2. Defendant is a Canadian citizen. He is employed by his father at an automobile
03 dealership in British Columbia. The AUSA alleges that the defendant is one of the main organizers
04 of a sophisticated international drug trafficking organization and that approximately 7300 gross
05 pounds of marijuana with a street value of \$18 million and approximately 1300 gross pounds of
06 cocaine with a street value of \$12 million have been seized from drug trafficking operations
07 conducted by the organization. The Indictment charges that defendant oversaw the daily
08 operations of the North American narcotics transportation network, and provided insurance to
09 guarantee customers a return on their investment in marijuana if a load of narcotics was seized by
10 law enforcement. The indictment also charges that defendant provided electronic communication
11 devices to coconspirators for the purpose of covert communication. The indictment charges, and
12 the AUSA proffers, that defendant and a coconspirator planned to bribe a border agent to facilitate
13 the importation of a shipment of marijuana into the United States. The AUSA also proffers
14 alleged efforts by the defendant to ascertain whether two arrested coconspirators were
15 cooperating with law enforcement in California, providing names of the individuals to an
16 undercover agent who he believed was a corrupt police officer. Defendant is also alleged to have
17 acknowledged responsibility for a shipment of 596 pounds of cocaine seized by law enforcement
18 in July 2007 in California.

19 3. Although defendant has strong ties to the British Columbia community in which
20 he lives, he has no ties to this District. A detainer has been placed by the Bureau of Immigration
21 and Customs Enforcement.

22 4. Taken as a whole, the record does not effectively rebut the presumption that no

01 condition or combination of conditions will reasonably assure the appearance of the defendant as
02 required and the safety of the community.

03 It is therefore ORDERED:

- 04 (1) Defendant shall be detained pending trial and committed to the custody of the
05 Attorney General for confinement in a correction facility separate, to the extent
06 practicable, from persons awaiting or serving sentences or being held in custody
07 pending appeal;
- 08 (2) Defendant shall be afforded reasonable opportunity for private consultation with
09 counsel;
- 10 (3) On order of a court of the United States or on request of an attorney for the
11 Government, the person in charge of the corrections facility in which defendant is
12 confined shall deliver the defendant to a United States Marshal for the purpose of
13 an appearance in connection with a court proceeding; and
- 14 (4) The clerk shall direct copies of this Order to counsel for the United States, to
15 counsel for the defendant, to the United States Marshal, and to the United States
16 Pretrial Services Officer.

17 DATED this 11th day of June, 2008.

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19 Mary Alice Theiler
20 United States Magistrate Judge
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